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The Church News

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It's Our Episcopal Hospital

As the Diocese Understands Present and Future Needs, the Hospital Will Be Better Able to Fulfill Its Role in the Years That Lay Ahead

By LAURENCE H. ELDREDGE, *Vice-President of the Board of Managers*

The wounded soldier on the battlefield may receive blood plasma within fifteen minutes after his injury. Thirty minutes later he may be transported to an emergency hospital and from there within a few hours to a base hospital which contains a complete medical and nursing staff and all modern equipment essential to his care. A few days later he may fly from the battle ground to a completely modern hospital in the United States. Our fighting men are receiving the best possible medical care. After the war they will expect this kind of care for themselves and for their families. Much of the responsibility for meeting these post-war needs in the most adequate way will rest upon voluntary hospitals.

The Church hospital, as one of the voluntary hospitals, has special responsibilities in the quality of its service to the community. It must, as do other hospitals, secure a competent medical staff, engage in teaching, have modern and well-equipped buildings, and be adequately financed. In addition to these it must render a complete religious ministry.

Many of our physicians are in the Armed Forces and when they return the Board of Managers hopes to develop a large staff with physicians trained in all specialties, so that each patient will be placed under the care of a physician especially trained and qualified to treat his particular illness.

Dr. Osler once said that a hospital is a college. The best physicians today agree with that statement, for in those hospitals where education of various groups of individuals goes hand-in-hand with the care of the patient, the patient receives the most scientific and modern care. The Episcopal Hospital conforms to this thinking. The senior members of the staff are constantly on the alert to train their associates, residents, internes, and medical students. The School of Nursing, with 223 student nurses, is developing an educational program which will be outstanding. The members of its faculty have been selected because of special preparation in their respective fields. The preliminary students receive their education in basic sciences such as chemistry, bacteriology, physiology, pharmacology, nutrition and anatomy at Temple University and receive college credits for this work. Since psychiatric patients are not admitted to the hospital an affiliation for training of student nurses in this type of illness has been made with the Warren State Hospital. The health and comfort of the students are guarded carefully. A physician has office hours each day to see any sick nurse, and consultations with other staff members are encouraged. Last year \$30,000 were spent on refurnishing and redecorating the nurses' residence to provide the students with comfortable and pleasant living con-

ditions. The hospital has a full-time chaplain who ministers to the patients and hospital personnel needing his services and, as a member of the faculty of The Philadelphia Divinity School, gives a course of instruction to divinity students in Pastoral Ministry. There are other fields of education in the hospital which it is hoped will be developed in the future. These will consist of well-organized courses in dietetics, technology, record-keeping, and other services essential to good care of patients.

With few exceptions, the hospital buildings are quite old and obsolete. The Board of Managers appropriates considerable sums of money yearly for the improvement of the physical plant and at the same time has in mind that only the most urgent needs should be met because these old buildings must be razed and replaced by new buildings in the coming years.

During the year 1943, \$12,000 was spent on repairing and remodeling the plumbing, steam, and heating systems, and an intensive painting program has been undertaken. Upon the insistence of the Federal Government, \$12,000 was spent to convert our power plant from oil burners to coal burners. In addition, \$2,000 was spent on lighting the hospital grounds, and \$18,000 was appropriated to remodel some of the operating rooms. These changes in the physical plant have been of great benefit, but have not

and cannot make modern buildings out of buildings nearly a century old. The hospital will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary in 1952, and it is the earnest desire of the Board of Managers at that time to have completed a program of financing and building a new modern hospital. The cost of this program will probably be in the neigh-

care given in 1943 was met from other sources. Last year 85% of our patients did not pay the total cost of their hospital expenses and 18% of that percentage received completely free care. In the 1943 Thanksgiving offering the Diocese contributed \$30,255, which was used to make necessary improvements in the physical plant. This year the

Thanksgiving offering will be used to help meet the cost of free care.

Thousands of needy patients have given thanks because the Church has given its offering for the hospital at Thanksgiving. Many others will depend upon us in the days ahead. This great community service which the Diocese performs through Episcopal Hospital is a splendid example of carrying out the mandate to heal the sick and aid the distressed. It is carrying on the tradition established by the Church in the early centuries of the Christian era when the only hospitals were church hospitals.

We all know the story of the man who lay bleeding on the road to Jericho. One man came along and passed him by. That account has been referred to with scorn by Christian people for more than 1900 years. During the past 90 years Episcopal Hospital has been cast by this Diocese in the role of the Good Samaritan.

As the Diocese understands the present problems and future needs the Hospital will be able to fulfill its role even more completely in the years ahead. The Board of Managers is, indeed, thankful for all the help it receives from the Church in carrying on its work.



borhood of \$2,500,000. At the present time one of the most urgent needs is a building to replace the Ingersoll Building, which provides accommodations for the operating rooms, X-ray Department, Laboratory, and the accident and receiving ward. Such a building would cost approximately \$400,000 and would be an excellent memorial to someone interested in this phase of the Church's activities.

It has been reported to the Diocese many times that the hospital is dependent upon the Church for its financial support. In what way is this so? When other types of voluntary hospitals give free care they receive \$3.50 per day from the State and about \$5.00 per day from the Community Fund for the care of each free patient. The Episcopal Hospital, as a sectarian institution, cannot receive State aid and is not a member of the Community Fund so that the \$225,000 worth of free

Above: *In the Ward.* Below: *Patient in Occupational Therapy.*



SERVICE PERSONNEL

The National Army and Navy Commission is spending about one thousand dollars (\$1,000) a day in support of our chaplains in the Armed Forces and in assisting dioceses, where needed, to meet their opportunities with Service Personnel. The response from the dioceses has been sufficient to meet these expenses to date. The three largest contributions have come from the Diocese of Massachusetts, \$43,583.00; the Diocese of New York, \$30,146.04; the Diocese of Pennsylvania, \$25,978.18.

We all hope that VE-day will come soon. I know from personal experience, because I spent nine months in the Army of Occupation 1918-1919, that with the cessation of military operations in any theatre of war there will be a drop in morale, thereby increasing the chaplain's opportunities. At the recent meeting of the Army and Navy Commission, I was appointed to arrange for refresher courses for our returning chaplains. This we hope to do at the College of Preachers, Washington, D. C., the School of the Prophets, San Francisco, Calif., and at our various divinity schools, including our own here in Philadelphia. The National Army and Navy Commission plans to take care of all expenses for the operation of these courses, but will not be able to pay any salary to these chaplains while they are taking these courses. A number of dioceses are raising funds to take care of their own chaplains until they can be relocated. This is a matter which should receive our immediate attention in this Diocese.

The Episcopal Church now has about 470 chaplains on active duty in the service, 165 in the Navy and 305 in the Army. Of this number the Diocese of Pennsylvania has six in the Navy and 13 in the Army. Chaplains Stanley Wilcox, Frederick P. Houghton, William Powell and myself have served as chaplains in this war but are no longer on active duty. Chaplain Brun is with the Free French Army.

It is not easy for individual parishes to keep up to date on the various federal, state and local agencies which have been set up to assist the Service Personnel in their return to civilian life. The Rev. Thomas Meryweather, Executive Director of our Diocesan War Com-

Bishop Hart's Message

Who can say what the next fifty years hold for this nation? With a somewhat discouraging flippancy we speak of World War I and World War II. In 1918 we were told that it was the last war that we would ever experience. It was the war to end war.

It is most encouraging that we do not speak so nonchalantly today about a just and durable peace. We do not claim that beyond any possible doubt this peace settlement will be really wise and effective and permanent. Quite the contrary, most men fear the peace more than they do the war. Americans are confident that the United Nations will win the war. They are not so confident that we'll have the wisdom and courage to win the peace. At least it is clear that the sacrifices which are so freely being made to win the war must be excelled if we are to have a worthy peace.

After this war is over, there will certainly be at work, as in the past, powerful forces making for antagonism and strife. Perhaps they will produce further wars. They most assuredly will do so unless counter forces are set in operation. It is not enough to say that another World War would wreck civilization. No small amount of civilization has already been wrecked by this war; just how much will not be apparent for some time. Let us recognize clearly that the cost to us, as indi-

viduals and as a people, of a just and durable peace cannot be over-emphasized. At the same time let us recognize with equal clearness that another World War is not inevitable. There is every reason in the world to make every effort possible to avoid it. Either we march down the road of selfish privilege to utter ruin or we march selflessly up the road toward the kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy.

Christ's peace is the fruit of righteousness. It follows the victory of social and individual justice. Christ's peace is not based on victory over Germany and Japan but on victory over selfishness in our own hearts. Many men and women in the Armed Forces are writing home that they intend to do what they can toward international co-operation. The hope for a better world lies in the hope that they will not forget. We civilians can join with these service men and women in the determination to apply to our economic and political life those principles for which our men and women have fought and died.

America is destined to go far. Let us pray on this Armistice Day that she may follow the leadership of Christ.

Oliver J. Hart

mission, will endeavor to do this and be ready to supply parish committees with the latest information at any time. He can be reached at the office of the War Commission in the Church House (Spruce 6650).

Our main diocesan project, the St. Stephen's Service Club, is supported entirely by the Diocese. We do not receive any grant from our National Commission or from the War Chest. I want to thank again the clergy and lay people who have given so many hours of devoted service at the St. Stephen's Club, and the parishes who have sponsored the Sunday night suppers. All of this volunteer service is evidence of a fine diocesan spirit.

OLIVER J. HART.

EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL TEA

This is just a reminder of the tea to be held at the Episcopal Hospital on Wednesday, November 15th, from 2 to 5, which includes a musical service in our beautiful Chapel.

An added piece of good news is that we are again to be a beneficiary of the Charity Ball Program. We hope that many will send us their advertisements. Any information as to the cost can be obtained from Mrs. J. Hector McNeal, 220 South 16th Street, Philadelphia 2.

Thanking each and every one for their continued co-operation.

BLANCHE MCNEAL,
Publicity Chairman.

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THE WELLS OUR FATHERS DUG

A THANKSGIVING DAY SERMON

Genesis 26: 18: "And Isaac digged again the wells which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father."

Here is the story of a man who did a singular thing in honor of his father: Isaac dug again the wells which his father Abraham had dug. After wandering for years in distant parts he turned back again leading his flocks and herds to the old fields where his father had once pastured his sheep, and finding the springs from which Abraham's flocks had drunk choked with silt, he cleaned them out because he knew that no other springs were as clear and sweet and abundant as those which his father had discovered and dug.

How true that is spiritually of America. The same wells that nourished and sustained our forefathers, the same springs of the Spirit from which the colonists and pioneers drank are still the best sources of inspiration for us. What are the wells which they digged and which we need to dig again?

1. One is the well of good-will from which they drew the spirit of toleration, the will to live and let live, the willingness to welcome men of many varieties to share this good land together. That well was dug with difficulty and even yet it becomes choked with racial and religious prejudice, but it is still here flowing fresh and free. Stephen Vincent Benet describes it vividly in his poem, "Listen to the People":

"Out of the flesh, out of the minds and hearts

Of thousand upon thousand common men,

Cranks, martyrs, starry-eyed enthusiasts,
Slow-spoken neighbors, hard to push around,

Women whose hands were gentle with their kids

And men with a cold passion for mere justice—

We made this thing, this dream, this land."

2. Another well from which our ancestors drank was the well of adventure. Our country has grown in size and power through men who were lured by the impossible. Tell an American "It can't be done" and he will promptly try to do it. The spirit of adventure settled the east; the same spirit won the west. And now we need to drink deeply from that well again, for tomorrow we shall be called upon to take a great chance, to start out on the perilous adventure of forming a world fellowship to keep the peace. How eager a youthful people who have drunk of their fathers' spirit of adventure should go forward to that task. We need to dig again that well that our fathers dug so long ago.

3. The eternal spring from which they drank most deeply, however, and the one which ran hidden underground to feed those other wells was the well of faith in God. Religion was the living water which daily refreshed and renewed the spirits of the founders of America. They were first and always religious men, men who believed in providence, in prayer and in devotion to God. They sought first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and look what has been added unto them!

The day after the Battle of Bull Run, when the people of Lexington, Va., were waiting anxiously to hear which side had won, a letter was handed out of the postoffice window to the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in which Stonewall Jackson taught a Sunday School class. Now, said the crowd, we shall hear how the battle went. The Reverend Dr. White opened the letter and read aloud:

"My dear Pastor—In my tent last night, after a fatiguing day's service" (his only reference to Bull Run) "I remembered that I had failed to send you my contribution to our colored Sunday School. Enclosed you will find my check for that object.

"Faithfully yours,
"THOS. J. JACKSON."

The men whom we remember on Thanksgiving Day were, like Jackson, men of God, and men who supported Christ's Church. What better course could we follow than

to dig again the wells that they digged? for the Bible is not read as fervently as they read it, private prayer is rather the exception than the rule among us, and public worship is neither prized nor practiced by the great mass of our people. If we will be true to our founding fathers and to our country we will dig again the wells that have refreshed and inspired Americans of old, for there are none better than the wells of good-will, and adventure and faith in God.

THE LITTLE SQUEAL FORMULA

AN EDITORIAL FOR LAYMEN

It is generally agreed that wild and disastrous inflation has been prevented in America largely by the "Little Steel Formula," a device that was promulgated in July, 1942, to meet the emergency of the rising cost of living. The formula limited wage increases in the steel industry to 15 percent above the level prevailing on January 1, 1941, and it also served as a yard-stick for measuring the demands for increases in every other industry. Unfortunately, however, it was not applicable to certain professions such as the Ministry.

By 1941 wages in industry had risen considerably; yet war-workers were allowed by the formula to ask up to 15 percent more. On the other hand salaries in the Ministry had not risen at all in 1941 and they have not been allowed by most vestries to rise since. The parishes are certainly "holding the line" against inflation in this respect.

But would an increase of say \$500 a year in every clergyman's salary cause inflation? Let a detached observer, who is not personally involved, analyze the situation. Here are his figures: There are 223 parishes and missions in this Diocese, practically all of which are more prosperous financially than for years. There are 365 days in the year, which divided into \$500 would give each rector or his wife \$1.37 more a day to spend. Visualized that means that every day in the year each pastor's wife would have \$1.37 extra to shop with and divide among the A. and P., the 5-and-10, Mrs. Jones' Notion Shop, Weisenberg's Delicatessen, the Naborhood Movie, the Corner Drug Store, and so on and on. It is entirely likely

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Secretary's Notes

Bishop Hart has been elected by the Philadelphia Federation of Churches, Chairman of a Special Committee for the Christian Observance of the Armistice.

Dr. Thomas S. Gates, Chairman of the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed Chairman of the Mayor's Philadelphia Committee for Victory.

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Preparations are being made by the clergy of the Diocese to hold special services in their churches when hostilities cease in Europe. A Service of Thanksgiving has been prepared by a priest of this Diocese and approved by the Bishop. Copies may be secured through the War Commission office, 202 South 19th Street, at the cost of one dollar a hundred.

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Holy Trinity Church, Ocean City, N. J., is celebrating its 50th anniversary. This church was founded by Bishop Taitt.

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The splendid spirit shown by the clergy and lay members at the meetings of Convocation in accepting the Proportionate Share reflects the oneness of the Diocese. It is expected that many parishes will exceed the amount they accepted for 1944. The budget of 1944 did not contain an item for mortgage reduction but the Executive Council adopted a resolution that if the budget was met then the first ten thousand or part thereof received over and above the budget be given for reducing mortgages on mission property on condition that the mission raise a like amount.

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"The Thanksgiving Day offering for the Episcopal Hospital may be received on a Sunday if it is not possible to present it on November 23rd. Individuals sending contributions to the Church House are asked to designate their parish in order that credit may be given on "Proportionate Share."

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"BORROWED"—Some one at some time in the past borrowed the 1883 Journal of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Mr. Spencer Ervin needs this copy to complete a study. Also the Diocese will not have a complete file if this copy is not replaced.

This has been a great year for mortgage burning. St. John's, Lansdowne, reports the following:

"Happily, impressively, informally, we burned two mortgages on our church properties on Sunday, September 24th, Homecoming Day. Immediately after the church service the congregation assembled on the church grounds. The side steps of the church entrance served for choir stalls, the entrance for a platform. There the Rector with the Vestry participated with the congregation in the symbolic act which marked the payment of our mortgage indebtedness. It was a colorful ceremony, with our flags and vestments and nature's green background contributing to the effect. Happiness and thankfulness were registered on all faces. This was a great day in St. John's!"

Now is the time for every church to clear its indebtedness. The Secretary will be pleased to report in this column the names of churches that are paying off mortgages. The buildings we set aside in the name of Christ ought to be free of all debt. *What are you doing to help?*

Annual Corporate Communion Service, under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held December 3rd, instead of November 26th.

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The Rev. Louis W. Johnson, formerly Vicar of St. Paul, North Penn., has been appointed by Bishop Hart as Vicar of St. Mary's, Chester, Pa. The Rev. Albert W. Eastburn has been appointed by Bishop Hart to Christ Church, Eddington, in addition to his work at Hulmeville. He will reside at Eddington.

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1945 BUDGET ADOPTED OCT. 13, 1944,
COMPARED WITH 1944

	1944	1945
Assessment Budget	\$66,723.85	\$61,234.39
Diocesan Missionary Budget	114,134.01	102,779.44
Diocesan Misc. and Non-Divisible	38,920.61	47,728.62
National Council	150,000.00	150,500.00
Net Total	\$369,760.47	\$362,242.45

Divinity School's Future

The Training of Returned Service Men or a More Effective Student Recruiting Program

The Philadelphia Divinity School is the "most vital thing in our community," said Dr. Thomas S. Gates, Chairman of the University of Pennsylvania, in outlining the school's Five-Year Plan at the 80th anniversary dinner in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel on October 3rd. The School is attempting to raise \$200,000.00 to meet a five-year budget. Dr. Gates emphasized the large opportunity that will exist for the training of returned service men for the ministry and the immediate needs for long-range financial stability and a more effective program for recruiting students.

In speaking of the returning service men, Colonel Lewis B. Cuyler, of the Army Air Forces Distribution Command, asserted that "the Church has a greater opportunity than ever." All other attempts to compensate for a spiritual loss by material means has failed, he said, while the spiritual experience of war itself, an "opiate of the people," has been but a temporary substitute. The service man who in com-

bat has the truly spiritual experience of "the glory of a completely uncompromised moment" must find something in his return to civilian life to fill the spiritual vacuum thereafter created. This the church must supply lest the last state of that man be worse than the first. There must be a two-way adjustment between the soldier and his home environment, but it is not the individual service man that needs to be readjusted, said Colonel Cuyler, so much as the environment to which he is returning.

Other speakers at the banquet were Bishop Sterrett of Bethlehem, who recalled some of the School's illustrious alumni, emphasizing the great tradition which must be carried on; William M. Elkins, who acted as toastmaster; Dean Allen Evans, of the School, and Bishop Hart, who concluded the meeting with an exhortation: "Give your best to this campaign because the one great hope of the world is Christian leadership." C. H. L., Jr.

War Commission

Our Victory?—Casualties— Parish Committees—Letter of Appreciation

V-E-DAY SERVICE—Several types of services of thanksgiving and rededication appropriate for use when hostilities cease in Europe are available for study at the office of the War Commission. One service, prepared by the National Council, has been printed and can be ordered direct from New York. Another service, prepared by a priest in the diocese, has also been printed and may be purchased through the War Commission office at the Church House.

The Rev. T. A. Meryweather, Executive Director of the Diocesan War Commission issues this word of warning as to any celebration on this day. "In the last war I commanded an infantry company. On November 11th we held a front line position not far from Metz, France. During the last 10 minutes of the war (10:50-11:00 A. M.) I lost 15 men killed by enemy artillery fire. The same situation may be true this time. Also, in view of the fact that the global war will not be over when the fighting ceases in Europe, I suggest that any celebration of the event be serious in tone, particularly due to the fact that the winning of the war is not necessarily the winning of the peace."

CASUALTIES—The Bishop of the Diocese wishes to know the names of members of parishes who have died in the service of their country; so that he may send a personal letter to the nearest of kin.

PARISH COMMITTEES—In many parishes of the Diocese the War Commission Committee of the parish is aiding the Rector with returning service personnel. First, there must be knowledge of the various federal, state and local agencies available. This includes everything from the Veteran's Administration down to the local draft board and veteran organization.

Second, there must be a friendly relationship established between the church and the man or woman now in the service—while they are still away.

Third, there must be a close tie between the church and the family of the absent service man either

through the clergy or through lay visiting.

T. A. M.

The Church's program (and it should be different in each parish) should be marked, as suggested by Bernard Iddings Bell, by simplicity, sincerity and sympathy, but not pity.

The Diocesan War Commission wishes to secure exhibits from the various parishes of methods used in contacting their members in the services. (Letters, cards, news, clippings or other methods.) These are of value in assisting parishes desiring to improve their methods.

APPRECIATION—The following is an excerpt from a letter to St. Stephen's Club, from a sailor after his transfer to another area.

"Please accept my most sincere thanks for the many fine courtesies extended to me by your organization during my stay in Camden. Im-

portant as the excellent meals were, and they were always a most welcome variation from the dull restaurant fare that was my usual diet, the spirit of genuine friendliness was even more welcome. Those who, of necessity, must be away from their family and friends, acquire a hunger of the soul that only good listeners can cure.

You certainly have successfully demonstrated that there is such a thing as applied Christianity. I have always liked to think of Christ as one who "ministered" to those who were in the greatest need of His services. Perhaps in the past, we have had too few ministers and too many preachers. Actions and results are really the important things in this life and you have accomplished as much good as the finest sermon could."

Christmas Giving

Some Institutions Get Too Many and Some Get Too Few.
Theodora C. Blodget, Christmas Box Secretary

How many days to Christmas? None too many, especially in planning for gifts to our Diocesan institutions and missions. Last year the Diocesan Department of Christian Education and the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Auxiliary, in order to coordinate the Christmas giving, and equalize the distribution of gifts to the missions and institutions in the Diocese, appointed me as their Christmas Box Secretary. Previously, because there had been no central clearing agency some institutions and missions had more than they really needed and others, equally deserving, had too few. Letters were sent out to institutions and missions asking their needs, and to Woman's Auxiliary presidents and Church School leaders asking how many gifts they would provide and their preference as to the type of work to be aided . . . hospitals, settlements, child care, homes for the aged, mission Church Schools, etc. The secretary's job was to harmonize the replies.

For the first year experiment it was fairly successful. As reported through the Secretary, 16 institutions and 6 diocesan missions received 3650 gifts and \$180.00 in cash from 55 parishes and missions. The smaller parishes were particularly generous in their response to the appeal.

The Girls' Friendly Society has expressed its desire to cooperate in the clearing agency—and it is hoped this year will see really coordinated giving in the diocese. The secretary will welcome constructive criticism to improve any phase of the work.

Bishop Hart is anxious that no children of servicemen be neglected at Christmas. Rectors, Church School superintendents and any other persons who know of such children who are not likely to be provided for in their own homes are asked to send in the names to the Christmas Box secretary. They can be taken care of by this Committee or through Mrs. Birchall Hammer's "Santa Claus Mail."

ST. JOHN'S HOUSE SHARES IN GOODLOE ESTATE

The Rev. Dr. Percy R. Stockman, Vice-President of St. John's Settlement House, 1332 North 12th Street, has been instrumental in helping the organization to share in the estate of the late Speed S. Goodloe. Into the expansion fund has been placed \$1,955.63, and \$1,000 is to be used as the beginning of an endowment fund for St. John's House. Funds were administered through The Church Foundation. In making the funds available for St. John's House, it is Rev. Stockman's hope that other friends will be encouraged to remember the work.

St. John's House is located in the heart of the 20th Ward, one of the largest Negro wards in the city. Juvenile and adult delinquency rates are high. There are tremendous health needs in the community.

Infant mortality is excessive, due to overcrowding and ignorance concerning elementary health matters.

St. John's House maintains 30 clubs and classes. This includes boys' and girls' groups, adult education classes, piano, voice, orchestra instruction, Toy Lending Library, pre-school class, sewing, home nursing and other health classes.

St. John's House has the genuine interest and support of police, Juvenile Court authorities, an enthusiastic Board of Directors, church, civic, educational, and social service leaders.

JAMES H. DUCKREY, Ed.D.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

MRS. MATTHEW CARSON

While the work of the Church Periodical Club has been greatly curtailed, since many of our secretaries have gone into active government service for the duration of the war, we are planning to carry on the work as efficiently as in other years.

Magazines do build morale. We know of many cases where people have craved reading matter, but were unable to subscribe to regular publications. Our post-war plan is really no different from our present-day plan, which is helping to build up mission libraries, securing magazine subscriptions, and forwarding magazines, games, etc., to our church people all over the world.



St. Jude and the Nativity, Philadelphia, celebrates 100th Anniversary this month.

As are all organizations now, we are interested in our Army and Navy, at home and abroad, and are endeavoring to answer all their requests in the best way possible.

One of our projects this year will be the making of scrap books, filled with magazine clippings, good stories and as much good reading matter as possible. These will be sent through our local United Serv-

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ice Organization to the men in American hospitals overseas, on ships leaving eastern ports, and to men in isolated outposts on this continent and off-shore bases, also to army camps and hospitals and naval stations. The work is interesting and there is a great need for workers.

We are very anxious to have a C. P. C. secretary in every parish in our Diocese. Won't you help us to achieve this goal?

CITY MISSION NOTES

We are making our annual appeal to branches of the Woman's Auxiliary and to other organizations in the Diocese which have helped us in the past to provide Christmas gifts for persons in a number of institutions served by the City Mission. We especially need a great deal of help in providing gifts for the patients in the Philadelphia Mental Hospital at Byberry. The City Mission has for years gathered from friends most of the Christmas gifts which are given to these patients. We have, year after year, distributed more than 3,000 gifts there. Since no group of people, other than the City Mission, makes any considerable contribution in this form, we feel a deep responsibility in the matter and must make this appeal to interested persons and organizations in the Diocese. Even when we distribute 3,000 gifts, it means that at least 2,000 patients receive none, for there are usually at least 5,000 patients in all. Mr. Keener, our Chaplain at Byberry, has in the past, and will again this year make a direct appeal to those who have helped him in other years. He will be glad to speak to groups in parishes on the subject. He can be reached through the Central Office, 225 South 3rd Street; telephone Lombard 6441.

On November 1st, the Rev. Alfred M. Smith will complete twenty-five years of notable service as Chaplain on the City Mission staff. He will be the celebrant on All Saints Day at the celebration of Holy Communion held in Old St. Paul's Chapel, City Mission. Members of the staff, including all other Chaplains, will attend the service.

Miss Sarah S. Gardner, for the past year Director of Social Services of the City Mission, resigned on October 15th to enlist in the WAC.

J. C.

Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The National Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary, in its report to the Triennial Session last October in Cleveland, voiced a concern which is shared by all who are in places of leadership in Church work. As you may know, their concern was how to reach the last woman in the last pew, and also the woman who is not in the last pew.

Bishop Hart gave us a challenge, when he first came, to reach more women in order that they might share with us in the program of the Church.

Have you accepted that challenge? If so, you have new plans for reaching women and new programs to deepen their interest. If not, then you are not doing your part to help the Church "Go Forward."

I would be most interested in knowing what steps parishes are taking to put into effect the Unified Plan. A most helpful publication which gives a very clear and practical description of it, is "When You Organize," which may be obtained for ten cents in the Woman's Auxiliary Office at the Church House.

This is the great opportunity of our times; it will never come again. We need every woman to help make the Church the kind of Church that will make an impact on the lives of the men and women who will return to start life afresh.

I shall close with the prayer for Missions written by Bishop Hart for the Woman's Auxiliary:

"Almighty God, our heavenly Father, kindle, we pray Thee, in our hearts that high spirit of adventure that makes men scorn the way of safety and seek rather to do Thy will. Help us to grow in knowledge of the whole enterprise of the Church and increasingly to take a more adequate share in making Thy will and purpose known throughout all areas of human life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

MARGARET PACKARD.

THE FOREIGN COMMITTEE

MRS. S. NAUDAIN DUER, *Chairman*

"We are women of cents, therefore we are gathering pence," was the slogan from the fertile brain of

our friend, and the friend of all missionary endeavor, Mr. George Wharton Pepper, with which we launched our first drive for "A Mile of Pennies" ten years ago. This slogan he supplemented with an amusing poster of a row of Indian-head pennies, all touching, showing that 16 pennies, or squaws, equal 12 inches, hence a mile of pennies equals \$844.80.

This autumn we are again on the warpath, determined to complete our pledge of \$5,800, among other ways, by the aid of pennies. (Last winter, in contrast to pennies, we had a \$5.00-a-plate luncheon in the Bellevue Ballroom for Bishop Tsu for the same purpose.) Again Mr. Pepper has come to our aid and has devised and presented us with a clever campaign chart, now hanging in the Church House. It consists of a board representing a mile race track, divided into eighths by sign posts, each indicating its value in money—first post \$105.60, second post \$211.20, and so on. In front there is painted the figure of a militant, energetic squaw who moves in a slot and indicates our progress.

We hope that many will go to the Church House to see our squaw and to push her toward her goal by gifts of many feet of pennies.

Our routine work goes steadily on with the Foreign Missions and Missionaries that we can still reach. Our speaker at the Church House on October 18th was Bishop Boynton of Puerto Rico.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

MRS. FRANK V. BURTON, *Chairman*

We would call attention to the days set apart for special observance in November—the 4th, World Community Day; and the 11th, Churchwide Day of Prayer. These are not to be confused with each other nor with the 3rd day set apart by women, the World Day of Prayer, on the first Friday in Lent of every year.

Briefly these days have the following significance, and we as Christian women are committed to the support of and participation in them if we take our Christian citizenship seriously.

The World Community Day, like the World Day of Prayer, is con-

ceived and sponsored by the United Council of Church Women and lays special emphasis on study and discussion undertaken prayerfully.

The Churchwide Day of Prayer is observed annually on Armistice Day by Episcopal women, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary. This day of prayer has grown in observance until, in this Diocese, at least, practically all of our churches take cognizance of it and many arrange for perpetual intercession.

As every year, suggested material is available from the National Council for use on this day.

The World Day of Prayer, as its name denotes, is world-wide and is a day of intercession with a program used globally. The women of England have asked us this year as a preparation to read weekly the Epistles of St. Peter and the 51st Psalm.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

MRS. JACOB S. DISSTON, *Chairman*

The present endeavor to increase missionary salaries, rather than to eke out inadequate salaries by gifts of clothing in Personal Boxes, originated many years ago, but it was only decided at the 1943 Triennial Convention to discontinue Personal Boxes if conditions warranted. As salary increases might not be immediately possible for everyone affected by this action, money that previously had gone into Personal Boxes was to be used for temporary salary adjustments. Besides the active clergy, a group of certain lay workers and retired missionary priests and their families or widows who had been receiving Personal Boxes and whose income would not increase even if clergy salaries were raised, must still be provided for, and our Diocese is asked to give \$1,550 toward this fund. We are most anxious to send this amount before Christmas, if possible, and I am counting on all our loyal contributors in the past to continue their support.

Our mission assignment this year calls for surgical dressings, household supplies and clothing for all ages. Layettes are especially in demand, and baby sweaters and caps are always needed. The cut garments will be ready in November, so let us know at your earliest convenience what you want and when you need it.

Clerical Changes

The Rev. Craig E. Eder, recently ordained Deacon, became Curate of All Saints Church, Chevy Chase, Md., and transferred to the Diocese of Washington.

The Rev. Raymond Allan Gill was appointed Deacon in charge of St. Andrew's Chapel, West Manayunk, until December 31, 1944. Mr. Gill will then take up work in Liberia.

The Rev. Kenneth Cadman Morris became Curate at Christ Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Ronald Ansley Wiley was appointed Deacon in Charge at Redeemer Church, Andalusia.

The Rev. Eugene Evans Botelho transferred to the Diocese of Kansas, following his Ordination to the Diaconate in June, to take up work under Bishop Fenner.

The Rev. Gordon Lyall, of the Diocese of Los Angeles, became Curate at St. Luke's Church, Germantown, in June, and the Rev. Charles Carson Liggett, Deacon, became a member of the staff of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, in July.

The Rev. Henry B. Getz, following his Ordination at St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, in May, left for San Antonio, Texas, to take up his work at St. Mark's Church there, and has now transferred to the Diocese of West Texas.

The Rev. Jack W. Rennie, formerly Assistant at St. Mary's, Ardmore, has been appointed Vicar-in-charge of Advent Church, Kennett Square, and of St. John's Church, Kelton.

The Rev. George Woodward Lamb received the degree of Doctor of Divinity, conferred by The Philadelphia Divinity School on June 8, 1944.

The Rev. Leicester C. Lewis, Rector of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, received the degree of Doctor of Canon Law, conferred by The Philadelphia Divinity School on June 8, 1944.

The Rev. J. Clemens Kolb, Chaplain of the University of Pennsylvania, received the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology, conferred by the University of Pennsylvania on June 15, 1944.

The Rev. William H. Jefferys, Jr., Chaplain, Episcopal Academy, is now at the Chaplain Training School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

The Rev. William H. Dunphy, Ph.D., Associate Rector of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, has been elected Rector.

The Rev. William Powell, formerly Captain in the Chaplain Corps of the United States Army, has been retired on disability.

The Rev. Philip T. C. Blackburn, of the Diocese of Milwaukee, has become Curate at St. Alban's Church, Olney.

The Rev. Ernest Emile Bruder, formerly Chaplain at Christ Church Hospital, has now become Chaplain at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C.

The Rev. Arthur F. Gibson has been appointed Vicar-in-charge of St. George's, Richmond.

The Rev. Thomas A. Meryweather has been elected Associate Rector of St. Luke and the Epiphany. Mr. Meryweather has also been appointed Executive Secretary of the War Commission of the Diocese.

The Rev. Philip Fifer, of the Diocese of Vermont, has become Curate at St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Arthur F. Mitchell, of the Diocese of Eau Claire, who has been serving at St. Mary's Chapel of St. Mary's Parish, has resigned.

The Rev. John Ahern Schultz, formerly Curate at St. Clement's, is now a Chaplain in the Armed Forces.

The Rev. Arthur L. Lyon-Vaiden, formerly of the Diocese of Virginia, has become Curate at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr.

The Rev. Clarence E. Tobias, Jr., has become Honorary Assistant at St. James's Church, 22nd and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Louis W. Johnson, formerly Vicar in charge of St. Paul's Mission, North Penn, has been appointed Vicar-in-charge of St. Mary's Mission, Chester.

The Rev. Albert W. Eastburn, Vicar-in-charge of Grace Church, Hulmeville, has been appointed Vicar in charge of Christ Church, Eddington, in addition to his duties at Hulmeville.

ST. JAMES RECTOR RESIGNS

The Rev. Benjamin R. Priest, Rector for the last six years of St. James's Episcopal Church, 22nd and Walnut Streets, will resign, effective December 26th, to assume the rectorship of Christ Church, Montpelier, Vt.

He came to St. James's Church as Associate Rector with the Rev. Dr. John Mockridge, and four years ago was appointed Rector when Dr. Mockridge retired. During the last five years the church has liquidated debts amounting to nearly \$50,000. Mr. Priest will continue in the active capacity of Rector during the next two months.

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Department of Christian Education

SHORT REVIEWS OF NEW MATERIAL

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An outline for the administration of the Church School. These guides now cover most phases of Church School work. Written simply, with the average Church School in mind, they are very helpful.

Christian Education Units—Division of Christian Education, 281 Fourth Ave., New York 10.

There are now enough Christian Education Units published to carry on a full year's work for all grades through the Grade VI. The new units just out include "Our Father's World," which should help kindergarten children realize the presence of God in the outdoor world, and four more units for the fifth and sixth grades—"Let's Explore Our Prayer Book," "Let's Know Other Races," "Let's Keep Holy Week," "Let's Know Our Parish." All these units are 25c. Any teacher who is willing to spend some time on preparation and gathering together the necessary material suggested in these little booklets will have good results with their classes. They are not for those who want everything cut and dried. A Unit has been published for adult classes written by the Rev. D. A. McGregor, called "Man and Community," in which the development of the idea of Community is traced through the Old and New Testaments. Four great leaders are taken up: Moses, Elijah, Jesus Christ, and St. Paul. If this unit is used with a large group it is suggested that it divide into four groups, each of which will concentrate on one of the four topics, then report to the whole group when it comes together.

Christian Living in Our Community—The fifth grade course in the Cloister Series. Cloister Press, Louisville, Ky. Pupil's Workbook, 80c. Teacher's guide, 40c.

This is a revision of the course by the same name published in 1939, and is a great improvement. The first Unit, entitled "And Who Is My Neighbor?" is concerned with following Jesus in our homes and neighborhoods. Other units are

concerned with world relationships and the Christian world community. It is done on the ten-year-old level of course and looks as if it is very usable.

Our Christian Character—By George B. Seriven, Morehouse-Gorham Co. Pupil's workbook, 85c. Teacher's Manual, \$1.85.

This is the sixteenth Workbook published by Morehouse-Gorham since 1935. They vary considerably in worth. A Workbook is good when it arouses the child's interest and sets them to finding answers. If the answers are too easy to find or take no thought, it is not good. If it does not suggest projects or create discussion it becomes merely a copy-book. This course is one of the better ones.

God and His People—By Godolphin and Salter. Pastoral Series. Morehouse-Gorham Co. Teacher's Manual, \$1.50. Pupil's workbook by Alice Parmelee, 85c.

This course, dealing with the Old Testament, makes the Pastoral Series fairly complete. The teacher's manuals were, for the most part, published before the workbooks and even in this latest teacher's manual there is no direction on use of the workbook. One advantage to this is that they can be used alone where a workbook is not wanted. This book follows the practice of other Pastoral Series manuals of providing set questions and answers for rote learning in a whole department, which seem to have little value, but may be omitted. The material in the book is well written and well presented.

Beginning With Me—Youth Division, National Council. 25c.

The material contained in this pamphlet should provide a worthwhile program for a young people's group or Church School class lasting four to six weeks. Chapter headings indicate the ground covered, which is very timely—Beginning With Me, Racial and Minority Groups, Youth in Wartime, When the Boys Come Home, Working With Others, No Hands but Ours. Suggestions for procedure are very specific, which would make it possible for an enterprising group of young people to direct the program themselves.

Ride Your Hobby High—By Beatrice Elizabeth Allen. Girls' Friendly Society. 25c.

This is a folder of "Booklets of Things to Do" for Juniors in the G. F. S., but could be used with girls or boys from nine to twelve years old. It is the most attractively gotten up material you will find in many a day. The author, a member of the G. F. S. staff, not only is an artist but also an educator, and practical. The directions for making and doing things are unusually clear. The booklets are entitled "Make Your Own Music," "Make Your Own Dance," "Make Your Own Marionettes," "Have Your Own Lending Library," "Have Your Own Hobby Show."

The Post-War World and You—Girls' Friendly Society. 25c.

"If we are going to understand our own and other people's needs, we must look at ourselves and those about us to see how we and they have grown. In other words, 'How do we get that way?'" This quotation, from the introduction, describes the contents of this program for the 12-16-year-old girls.

DIVINITY SCHOOL LIBRARY

The William Bacon Stevens Library, together with the Yarnall Library of Theology of St. Clement's Church, which is housed in the same building, contains the finest collection of books on theology and ecclesiastical history in this part of the country.

The Library and the School suffered a great loss in the death of Dr. Joseph Cullen Ayer, librarian of the Yarnall Library of Theology. It was due to his vigilance in seeking out old books that the Yarnall Library of Theology has acquired so many rare and valuable books and pamphlets, of which only a few are now in existence. Dr. Ayer gave unstintingly of his time to the Library. He was ever ready to give advice and help to any visiting students, as well as to those in the School.

The Library has received in the past two years bequests of books from the libraries of the Rev. A. J. Arkin and the Rev. Horace A. Walton. Mrs. Henry G. Brock has just presented the Library with 2,000 volumes from the library of her father-in-law, Mr. Robert Coleman Hall Brock.

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Convocations

NORTH PHILADELPHIA

A successful meeting of the Convocation was held on October 10th at St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, American and Brown Streets. St. John's was founded in 1764, and the present building was erected in the early nineteenth century. The plant is now used by the Rumanian orthodox congregation of the Descent of the Holy Ghost, whose priest, the Rev. John Popovitch, spoke to the meeting about his work. Other speakers were Bishop Roberts, the Rev. Mr. Carman of the National Council, and Professor Hepburn, of the Hahnemann Medical College. The entire program was designed to make a missionary appeal, and included a showing of the picture "Sometimes We Receive." Bishop Hart closed the meeting, which was attended by 190 people.

There have recently been a number of changes among the clergy of the Convocation. The Rev. Louis Johnson has been transferred to St. Mary's, Chester, and Dr. Stockman has been appointed Vicar of St. Paul's, North Penn. He will be assisted by Mr. Parker, a divinity student. The Rev. Morris Derr has been assigned to St. Barnabas, and the Rev. Arthur Gibson to St. George's, Richmond. The Rev. Mr. Mauch has been elected Rector of St. Nathanael's. St. George's, Vengano, has recently installed a new organ, which will be made a memorial to Miss Bell. Mr. Paul Washington will carry on the work at the Allen Homes.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

The fall meeting of the Convocation of South Philadelphia, which was held on the afternoon and evening of October 11th at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church, was among the best attended in the history of the Convocation. More than one hundred and fifty delegates from the parishes were present. At the joint service in the historic church, the Rev. James Collins spoke of the work of City Mission and the Rev. James Carmen spoke of the program of the General Church. An expression of regret as well as appreciation for the Rev. J. W. B. Stewart's thirty-three years of faithful service in the Convocation was of-

fered when the Rev. Frederick Blatz announced Dr. Stewart's retirement from Holy Comforter Memorial Chapel.

Dean Bonyng presided at the dinner, which was highlighted by two Episcopal addresses—by our dear Bishop, who looked very well and made an excellent address; and by Bishop Roberts, whose story of the state of the Church in occupied China was most timely. The Convocation, always anxious to take its part and due share of the responsibilities in the maintenance of the Church throughout the Diocese and General Field, unanimously raised their hands in response to the Dean's request that we accept the budget for 1944-1945.

CHESTER

Blessed with all the warm beauty of Indian summer and in the lovely setting afforded by All Saints, Wynnewood, the Chester Convocation assembled for its fall meeting on October 10th with one hundred clerical and lay delegates in attendance. The occasion was graced by the presence of Bishop Hart and Bishop Russell, the Rev. Charles H. Long, Executive Secretary of the Diocese, and the Rev. James Corman, of the Field Department of the National Church. In his address, Bishop Hart extended his thanks to all the parishes in the Convocation for their fine support of St. Stephen's Service Club and to the Convocation for its contribution to diocesan fellowship and leadership and then launched into the subject uppermost in his mind and heaviest on his heart "Are we doing as good a job in the shepherding of our flocks as we should be? In business, if two customers are gained for every one lost, the showing is satisfactory but the church does not work that way. When the time comes for our accounting, the Master is not going to be greatly impressed by our figures of increased membership, numerical or percentage. His searching question will be 'Where is thy flock?'"

The Cathedral Film "We Too Receive" was shown, and the program of speakers also included the Rev. James Corman and Bishop Roberts. Dean Shreiner presided and the ladies of the parish served a delicious lunch.

In the Diocese

The Church Club of the Diocese is organizing parish branches with programs of activities for men.

The windows of St. Barnabas' Church, 64th and Haverford Avenue, have been recently painted to resemble stained glass.

A portrait of Bishop White was awarded to the Valley Forge Chapel in a distribution of the estate of the late Mrs. Gertrude W. Brinton. Old St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, was awarded the sum of \$9,000 from the same estate.

The Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, Rector of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, is now writing the "Saturday Sermon" for the Philadelphia *Evening Bulletin*.

No clergyman is permitted to enter Girard College, but boys whose families make request are permitted to attend the services of their own church on Sundays. Several boys from distant parishes are regularly attending St. Matthew's Church, 18th Street and Girard Avenue, under this arrangement.

The service on the fourth Sunday of each month is being dedicated to and planned especially for the men in St. Matthew's Church. An effort is being made to find an answer to the question: "Can we have more men in church than women?"

"Purely Parsonal" is the title of a column devoted to religious discussion in *The Media News*. The column is written by the Rev. William J. Alberts, Rector of Christ Church, Media.

Sister Veronica, who has served in St. Clement's Parish for some time, has been transferred to the Sisters' Rest House on Long Island. Sister Helen, who for the past seven years has been in charge of the mission work in Mt. Calvary Church, Baltimore, has been assigned to the staff of St. Clement's.

The Church Dispensary of Southwark, at St. Martha's House, is in need of 3 and 4-ounce medicine bottles. Please bring them to the Church House, 202 South 19th Street.

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In Loving Citation

It is with peculiar fitness that I remember All Saints' Day of 1919 when Alfred Morton Smith began his ministry at the Philadelphia City Mission. A few days previously I was sitting at my desk in my old downstairs office when I seemed to become subconsciously aware of a second presence. On glancing up, I saw in the doorway a soldier of the U. S. Army. I invited him in and we talked for an hour. It was the demobilization period following the first World War. He, Chaplain Smith, had just been released, and said: "I greatly desire an appointment as Chaplain in the Philadelphia City Mission." Previous to volunteering for war service he had served as priest and rector in California. I soon learned that he belonged to our own metropolitan area and had been theologically educated at The Philadelphia Divinity School.

The Board of Council of the City Mission granted my plea for his immediate appointment on the grounds of his excellent army record, his splendid spirituality, and the fact that I fell hard for him. I have never for one second since ceased to rejoice in his work and dear friendship.

I am laboring inadequately to pay due appreciation to this Chaplain who is my ideal of what a City Mission Chaplain should be. I have for years personally held that the field of Christ's great "Inasmuch" is the supreme field for everyone whose object is to know the Living Christ and to make him known. Our beloved Chaplain Smith has covered this field superbly for the past twenty-five years—at the Eastern State Penitentiary and at Moyamensing; at the Lankenau, the Hahnemann and other hospitals. Perhaps love-liest of all has been his continuous service for nineteen years at Sleighton Farms. In addition, we must not forget his untold services to individuals, least among whom is myself. Years ago, he began a personal ministry to his boss; and one day, I asked him to accept the appointment as private Chaplain to the City Mission Superintendent. He accepted and is still serving in that very humble but deeply appreciated office.

My friends among men consist chiefly of "medicos" and clergy, and none of them ranks higher in my

esteem than Alfred M. Smith, whose twenty-fifth anniversary of Christ-like service we celebrate with loving reverence this All Saints' Day of 1944. I can hear his dear voice in invocation saying, "Love, loyalty and devotion, I lay at Thy Feet, Loving Jesus."

WM. H. JEFFERYS.

UNITED CHARITIES

Philadelphia's greatest effort on behalf of the United Charities at home, the United Service Organizations throughout the nation and on the war fronts, and the United Nations' Relief, is now under way. The goal of the United War Chest is \$9,500,000.

Church people can be counted on for understanding and generous co-operation and leadership in this most timely and most needed enterprise.

Prayer FOR LOVED ONES NOW ABSENT FROM US . . .

For all loved ones absent from us, O Lord, including those in the Armed Forces, we beseech thy protecting care. In health, integrity, and increasing honor keep them. May those ties that bind them to us grow ever stronger. May they never have cause to be ashamed of us, or we of them. Grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to thee, may be bound together by thy love in the fellowship of thy church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Authorized for use in the Diocese of Pennsylvania—OLIVER J. HART.

NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Mr. E. Lowber Stokes has resigned as the Chairman of the Committee on the Enlargement of the Endowment for the Episcopate and the Bishop has appointed Mr. Clarence M. Brown as Chairman. Mr. Stokes will continue as a member of the Committee and will work to achieve its goal, but he felt that a change in leadership would increase the interest. Our thanks are due to Mr. Stokes and the members of the Committee for the work they have already done. A number of gifts have been made to the Fund and a number of others have indicated their intention of remembering the Fund in their wills.

WANTED—We are in desperate need of an organ. We are a small colored mission and at the present time do not have funds to purchase an organ. If you have an old organ you are not using or have any suggestions to make, please call me: The Rev. Matthew W. Davis, Ascension Mission, West Chester, Pa., West Chester 0177.

DIOCESAN ALTAR GUILD

November being the month for the annual meeting of the Diocesan Altar Guild, our own Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, S.T.D., will address the meeting on Monday, November 20th, at 2:30 P. M., at the Church House.

The yearly reports of the various committees will also be presented, and the election of officers for the next three-year period will take place.

The Diocesan Altar Guild holds its regular monthly meetings at the Church House, 202 South 19th Street, on the third Monday of each month at 2:30 P. M. These meetings have been of great value in drawing Altar Guild members together, in increasing reverence, in setting higher standards, and assisting our smaller churches and missions. After brief devotions the routine business is transacted, new business is discussed as well as plans for the future. Speakers are invited to talk on matters of special interest to Altar Guilds.

HELEN E. SPRECHER,
Corresponding Secretary.

BROTHERS FROM HATBORO KILLED IN ACTION

A service in memory of Sergeant Donald E. Ford, a Commando, who gave his life in defense of our country on D-day, was held in the Church of the Advent, Hatboro, Sunday evening, September 24th. His brother, Edward, was killed in Italy March 6th. A similar service was held in his memory Sunday, April 23rd.

Both were members of Advent since their early childhood; presented by the present Vicar, the Rev. Leonard J. Sachs, for confirmation; active in the Sunday School and Young People's Fellowship. Donald served faithfully as an acolyte, Secretary of the Sunday School and a leader of the young people.

NEW MISSION PLANNED

At the fall meeting of the Convocation of Norristown, Dean Niblo reported that the Bishop and Standing Committee had agreed to the establishment of new work in Oreland, where there have been six hundred new houses erected in the last few years. This is the first new work established in this Convocation for a generation.

St. Peter's in the Great Valley

The bi-centenary of the present building of St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley was observed on Sunday, October 15th.

At the celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 o'clock the old pewter Chalice and Paten, dating from 1800, were used. The Rev. Caleb Cresson, formerly associated with the parish, assisted the Rev. J. Jarden Guenther, now minister in charge.

At 2 o'clock the thirty-first meeting of the Annual Day Association was held. The association was organized by the late Rev. Jules L. Prevost, M.D., then Rector of the parish. His widow, Mrs. Prevost, is still an active member of St. Peter's and is Recording Secretary and Treasurer of the association. One hundred years ago a hymn was written for the centenary of the church and it has been sung annually ever since.

Bishop Hart made the principal address at the bi-centennial service

at 3 o'clock. Preceding his speech, the Rev. Crosswell McBee, D.D., brought greetings from Old St. David's Church, which in the early days of the country shared the work of its Rector with St. Peter's. The opening prayers were read by David E. Seaboldt, who for some years served as Lay Reader and conducted the services in the church.

A very gracious letter was received from President Roosevelt, who not only said that he had read with much interest the reprint from the *Diocesan News* and sent his best wishes but further added that he was especially happy to know that the parish anticipated a bright and active future.

Other letters were read from Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, the Rt. Rev. H. St. George Tucker, D.D., the Honorable Edward Martin, Governor of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. W. L. France, secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

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(Continued from October issue)

By THE REV. RALPH E. COONRAD

January 16—The Rev. Dr. Felix Cirlot, St. Mark's Church, "Another View of the Authorship of St. John's Gospel." The problem of the authorship of the Fourth Gospel is still with us, knotty as ever. Dr. Cirlot reopens the discussion with what he construes as conclusive evidence.

January 29—The Rev. Robert Morris, Chaplain, Episcopal Hospital. Subject to be announced later.

February 19—The Rev. Dr. John M. Groton, teacher of Old Testament at The Divinity School. Dr. Groton will present his paper on some phase of Old Testament literature.

March 5—The Rev. T. A. Meryweather, Associate Rector, the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, "Youth in War-time."

March 19—Dr. Francis P. Clark, Associate Professor of Philosophy, the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Clark will choose his own subject—likely, "The Idea of God in the Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas and Emmanuel Christian Kant." Dr. Clark is a widely known scholar in Scholastic Philosophy. He has addressed the Brotherhood before.

April 16—Dr. Emile Cailliet, Professor of French Literature and Civilization, the University of Pennsylvania, "Some Lessons Learned in the Study of Blaise Pascal." In the modern presentation of Scholastic Philosophy the Roman Catholic Church has, among other scholars, two who stand out clearly, Dr. Jacques Maritain and Dr. Etienne Gilson. Both are Frenchmen. Protestantism has their counterpart in a compatriot in letters, Dr. Emile Cailliet. St. Thomas was born again in the writings of Jacques Maritain. Blaise Pascal, Jansenist and Protestant-Catholic, lives again in the writings of Dr. Cailliet. Two small and delightful books in English have come recently from the pen of Dr. Cailliet, "The Life of the Mind," and "The Clue to Pascal." The latter of these was the "Two Months' Book" in England this year. Dr. Cailliet is one of France's truly great authorities in Symbolism, Mysticism and Idealism. In 1938 he received the degree Doctor of Theology from the University of Strasbourg for his work in Mysticism. His studies in Blaise Pascal are under research grant from the University of Pennsylvania.

April 30—Lieut. Col. Paul B. Rupp, Chaplain, Valley Forge Hospital, "The Rehabilitation of the Returning Soldier," a timely and important subject.

May 7—The Rev. Dr. George M. Plascett, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Orange, N. J., "The Negro and the Church."

May 21—The Rev. Ralph E. Coonrad, "The Idea of Peace and Justice in the Philosophy of St. Augustine."

Many other interesting and important topics are planned but as yet speakers have not been obtained for them. Subjects such as Religious Education, Wee-day Religious Instruction, Marriage and Divorce Laws, the C. L. I. D., Youth Programs will likely be presented.

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Beyond all this, however, we shall cherish his example as that of a Christian gentleman and faithful churchman. To his family we express our deep sense of loss, and for him we pray light and peace in the nearer presence of that Lord Whom he served so well.

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THE REV. FRANK L. VERNON

Death called to the larger life the Rev. Frank Lawrence Vernon, D.D., Rector for twenty-four years of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia. Six months of illness, brought on directly by overwork, ended May 24, 1944, a career of deep devotion and self-giving service.

From June 20, 1920, when he became Rector of St. Mark's Church, to the time of his death, his ministry was characterized by an outstanding ability to work in harmony with his Vestry and congregation, and by a notable capacity for expressing himself with clarity and cogency. His sermons were received as treasured experiences by those who heard them. And his weekly messages in the parish paper came to be known as "Locust Street Letters" both among the parishioners and the wider circle of readers who sought for them.

Dr. Vernon was born in St. John, N. B., in 1873, graduated from Trinity College in 1893 and later also received the degree of Doctor of Divinity there. His theological training was received at the Epis-

copal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass.

In June, 1896, he married Alice E. Whiton, who died seven years later, leaving him with two children, a son and a daughter. His daughter later entered the Community of St. Mary, of which Dr. Vernon was Chaplain General from 1918 until his death. Before coming to St. Mark's, he had been Rector of St. Andrew's, North Grafton, Mass., and later Dean of St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, Maine.

A solemn requiem was celebrated in St. Mark's on May 26th, followed by interment in the churchyard of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

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